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FOR: ASYNCHRONOUS FIFO CIRCUIT :
AND METHOD OF READING AND :
WRITING DATA THROUGH :
ASYNCHRONOUS FIFO CIRCUIT :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of the listed reference is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

JP 2001-176262 is not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.



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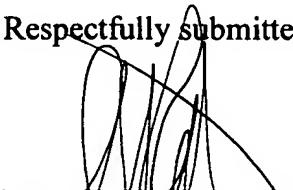
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Further, a "concise explanation" under 37CFR § 1.98(a)(3) is set forth in the background portion of the specification on page 1, line 13.

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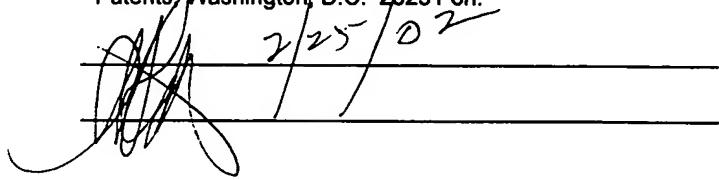
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